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Claim 1 was amended to recite a feature of claim 2.

The terminology of "0.3 to 1.5 wt% Cr" added to claim 1 is supported on page 13, lines 3 to 9 of the specification and in claim 7.

Claim 2 was amended to be consistent with claim 1.

The amendments to claims 1 and 20 regarding the terminology "total amount of" was made in reply to a objection in the January 18, 2007 Office Action. These amendments follow the Examiner's suggestion.

A minor editorial revision was made to claim 3.

The amendments to claims 4 and 7 to delete "Cr" were made to be consistent with the amendment of claim 1 regarding adding "0.3 to 1.5 wt% Cr."

The amendments to claims 9 and 12 are in reply to an objection set forth in the January 18, 2007 Office Action.

Applicants are pleased to note that claims 2 to 8, 10 to 12 and 26 were deemed to be allowable as set forth in item no. 10 on page 4 of the January 18, 2007 Office Action.

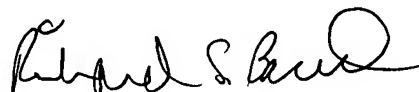
Regarding item no. 11 on page 4 of the January 18, 2007 Office Action, applicants are also pleased to note that claims 20 to 23, 25 and 26 would be allowable if the informalities in these claims are corrected. Such informalities (objections to the claims) were discussed above and are considered to be corrected by the amendments set forth hereinabove.

An INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT is being filed concurrently herewith.

If the Examiner has any comments, questions, objections or recommendations, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the telephone number given below for prompt action.

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